

# Presentation to the Council Coordinating Committee

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Marine Research

Science Education

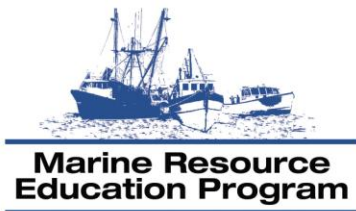
Community Programs

# Complex issues require multiple approaches



# GMRI Community Programs

- Technical Support to the Fishing Industry
- Training & Outreach with Fishermen
- Sustainable Seafood Program
- Neutral Convening & Facilitation





# MREP Education & Outreach Program Goals

- Increase the number of individuals at work in New England fisheries who are comfortable navigating the fishery data and management systems.
- Break down historical barriers to cooperation, develop leaders in the fishing industry and fully engage fishermen in the development of “best available science”.
- Deepen the familiarity of policy and science professionals with the workings of the fishing community.
- Bring fishermen, scientists and managers together in a neutral setting to explore differences as well as common goals.



# Marine Resources Education & Outreach Program

- Industry partners have held a key role in the development and delivery of the program in the northeast since 2001
- Presenters are drawn directly from NEFMC, NERO, NEFSC, NGO, USCG, industry, congressional staff as well as regional academic and research institutions
- Workshops are offered as 3-day offsite modules that build upon each other
- An application process ensures a diversity of stakeholders present at each module



*“Didn't know the VTR numbers were so sacred, both for info and coordination of figures.”*





*“I was surprised and extremely pleased that Russ Brown is a hardcore professional and retains the ability to connect to fisheries. I gained insight and confidence into the methodology used”*





*“The volume of data collected by the observer was extensive. I had no idea they also saved samples of mammals.”*



*“I knew that science informed the process but didn't know how or where the data came from or how it was used. I now have a much better understanding and new perspective.”*



*“Having meals together allowed me to ask any questions of the speakers that I was not able to understand.”*

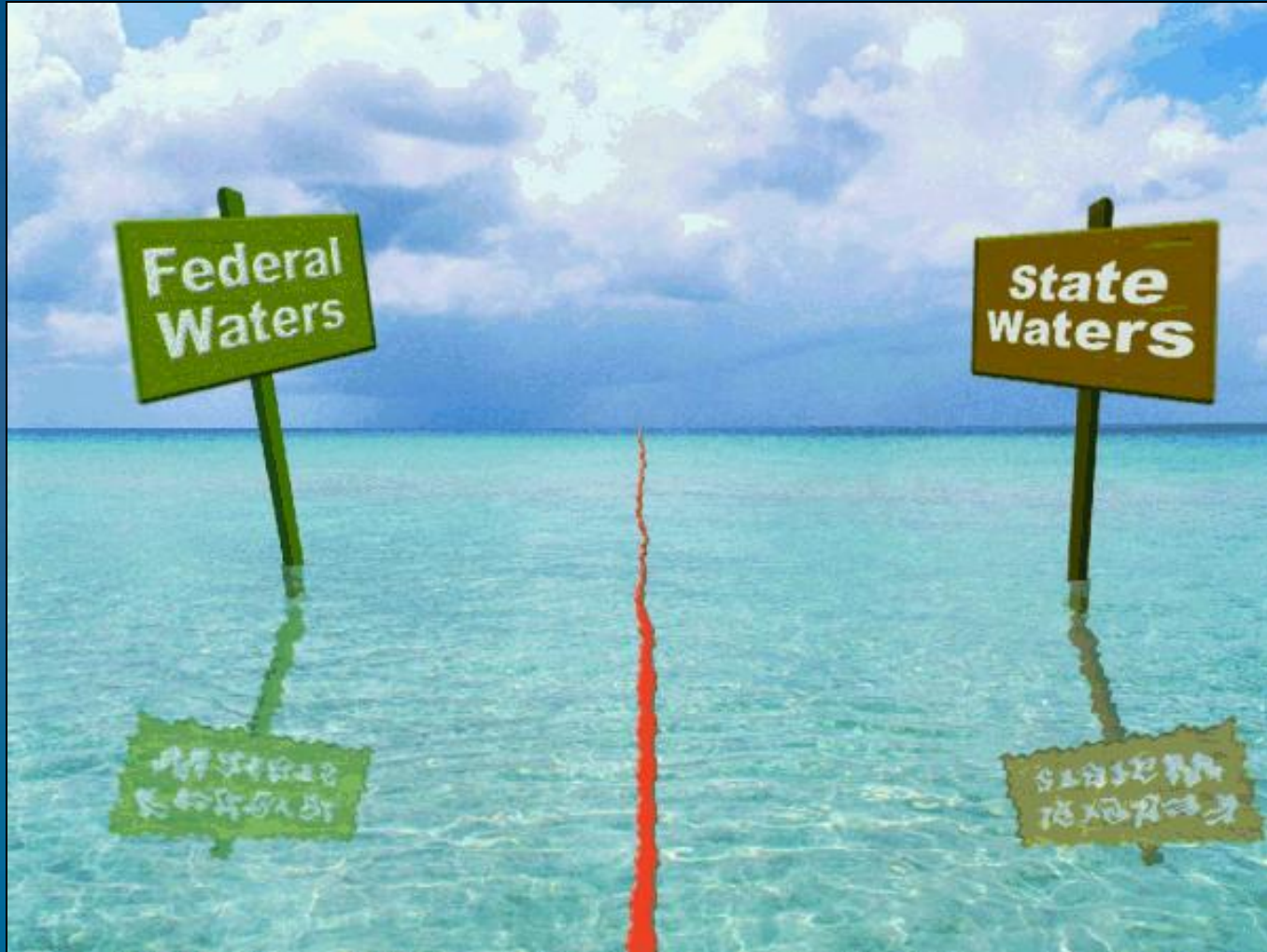




*“I can’t believe this is NMFS...not at all what I expected, very professional exceeded my expectations” – Bill Muniz*



*“I never have quite understood Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's role in management prior to this.”*



# An effective outreach extension of the Council

*"I found this very helpful. Good tips for fishermen who want to attend and speak up about important concerns."*

*"Great perspective from council staff. Discussion of this type could result in efficiency in all areas. Excellent!"*

*"Really honest perspective about the Council & staff. Helpful to know how all the panels/committees interact. Provided a lot of encouragement to get involved."*

*"Definitely drove home the best time to get involved is early on in the process."*





# Evaluation and continuous improvement

*“I got enough to effectively participate in an intelligent and respectable manner such that I feel I am heard and part of the outcome.”*

*“This program tied everything together. It fixes the disconnect between industry and NMFS.”*

*“Developed great respect for the dedicated individuals involved in fisheries science.”*

*“Great program, I wish there was another segment after this. I'll talk to the guys that fish by me about this stuff.”*



Rate your expected future involvement in Fisheries Science & Management:		
	Response Percent	Response Count
I expect no future involvement	6.3%	1
I expect to keep tabs on the news and other reports	50.0%	8
I plan to attend a Council and Committee meetings such as Groundfish Assessment Review Meetings (or similar)	37.5%	6
I hope to participate in collaborative research and/or take researchers out on my boat	50.0%	8
I plan to serve on a SSC, PDT or SST and/or contribute to stock assessment reports	25.0%	4
I hope to be appointed to the Fisheries Management Council	25.0%	4
answered question		16
skipped question		1

# Discussion & Questions

- Content extensions
- Fisheries extensions
- Geographic extensions
- National best practices transfers
- Funding opportunities
- Partnerships
- Support & endorsement